# **Provincial Team Report**

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# Team Meeting — January 24-26

There has been a lot of activity at the province office since December 30 when the water pipe broke. We continue to work with the restoration company on repairs. It will be nice when it is all finished but right now we are surrounded by ladders, paint drop cloths etc. The staff has been absolutely wonderful throughout this whole process even when they have been put out of their offices.

Our team meeting agenda was full as usual. We spent time discussing plans for the upcoming Healthcare Delegates/Navigators and Prioresses' meetings to be held in April. More information on these meetings will be sent in the future.

This month we will be sending our alms to Magdalena House in San Antonio, Texas. Magdalena House is a transitional home that serves mothers and children who have fled dangerous and abusive lives by providing transformation through education, nurturing community and supportive services for mother and child/ren. It is based on the concept of covenant relationships.

We approved gifts for the academy in St. Louis to be used for tuition assistance and scholarships. We also approved some major repair costs to the house on Valence Street in New Orleans and discussed our properties that are currently on the market. Please continue to pray that the grants are accepted for the Waterville property and that the agreement for Frontenac continues to move forward. There have been several showings of the Crystal City property since December and we continue to hope that one will come forward with a proposal.

Our new driver policy goes into effect on February 1 and we spent time reviewing and changing the forms which will accompany the policy which are set to go out on February 5. Thank you to all for your acceptance and cooperation.

The Finance Commission met as we were meeting and made several recommendations for the team to review. Further discussion on these items needs to occur before the team is able to make a final decision.

The high point for the week was the celebration of St. Angela's Feast Day. We celebrated Mass with the school community next door and then enjoyed a delicious luncheon with the faculty and staff. The freshman class prepared the liturgy and as part of the celebration they honored Sr. Madonna and Sr. Pauline on the occasion of their 60 year jubilee. The girls chose as their theme "We love others Best when we love God Most". At the conclusion of the Mass each local community in the St. Louis area was presented with a string art heart made by the freshmen.

We hope that each of you celebrated the feast of St. Angela in a wonderful way. Sr. Marilyn decided to celebrate with Angela personally and though her death is hard to grasp we rejoice with her as she now knows the fullness of God's love.





Phone Directory Updates

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Montana Ursuline Experience "Where Angela Has Led Us" July 16-23, 2018

The Ursuline Retreat and Conference Centre in Great Falls, Montana, is once again hosting the Montana Ursuline Experience. It is scheduled for July 16-23. We hope to sponsor two of our sisters to attend this workshop and will pay the workshop fee (\$685) and transportation expenses for our sponsored sisters. Rosemary Meiman will be presenting.

If you are interested in attending this workshop under sponsorship of the province, please contact Adele Brennan by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our Sympathy . . .

... to the sisters of the Missouri Cluster on the death of our sister, Marilyn Burkemper, who died on January 27, 2018.



### Social Justice Notes

It is important to remain in contact with your members of Congress (both the House and the Senate) as both houses will need to pass legislation in the next several months. A number of important issues remain before Congress. Action is needed to allow the "dreamers" to remain in the US and continue working and studying. There is at present a March deadline for them so a rapid passage of legislation is needed. You can follow this link DACA for more information on the program and the bill that has been presented. It is especially important that Republican members of Congress know they have voters support on this issue.

The January Issue of "Stop Trafficking is available <u>here</u>. Another good source for information on trafficking is available from the <u>HHS</u> <u>Department</u>.

The Roman Union USA region JPIC promoters met by Zoom conference recently. As we approach Lent, more information will be forthcoming from this group.

# Visit by the General Council in May

We are happy to announce that during the month of May we will be receiving visitors from the General Council. Maria Jaworska will be visiting our sisters in the northeast, Neusimar Marques da Silva will be visiting the communities of Dallas, San Antonio and New Orleans and Marie Thérèse Le Goc will be visiting the Midwest. M. Cecilia will be "in and out" as she is visiting all three provinces. As soon as we get specific dates we will let you know.

### For Your Information

A n inter-provincial gathering of Roman Union Ursulines aged 70 and under will be held July 18-22, 2018. The theme *Insieme as Angela's daughters* ... building community wherever we are will be explored. This inaugural gathering will be a time to share, dream, pray and play together in the relaxed setting of the Ursuline Summer House in Eastport, New York. The sisters in this age group from the Central Province are Mary Beisiegel, Rita Ann Bregenhorn, Diane Fulgenzi, Jean Hopman and Susan Kienzler.

Goodbye . . .

... to Elisa and Rita Ann as they leave for the Enlarged General Council Meeting in Rome. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!



# Provincial Team Dates

### <u>Rita Ann</u>

February 2-3.....St. Louis, MO Carriage Circle visitation February 8-25......Rome, EGC

#### <u>Jean</u>

February 8 .....LCWR Region X breakfast

#### <u>Maria Teresa</u>

February 8 .....Eureka, MO Francis Place visit February 12-16 .....Springfield, IL

Visitation

#### <u>All</u>

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February 28 - March 1.....Team Meeting

### Enlarged General Council

Rita Ann will be in Rome February 8–25 for the Enlarged General Council. The focus of this EGC will be on the work of the Structures Commission and preparation for the 2019 General Chapter. Please keep those gathered and their work in your prayer. While Rita Ann is in Rome, contact Jean for any province business.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 23	Last chance to submit your name to Adele for the Montana Experience
March 2	Treasurers' Meeting
April 24-25	Meeting of Healthcare Delegates/Navigators
April 25-26	Prioresses' Meeting
November 9-13	Provincial Chapter
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